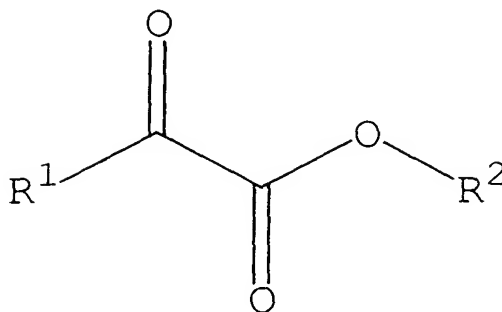


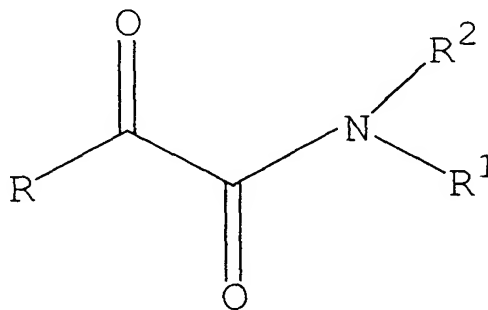
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R<sup>1</sup> = methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, terbutyl, pentyl, 4-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, 1-phenylmethyl, 2-phenyl-ethyl

R<sup>2</sup> = ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, terbutyl, pentyl, 4-methylpentyl, ethoxymethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, carboxymethyl, ethoxycarbonylmethyl

***FIG. 1A***



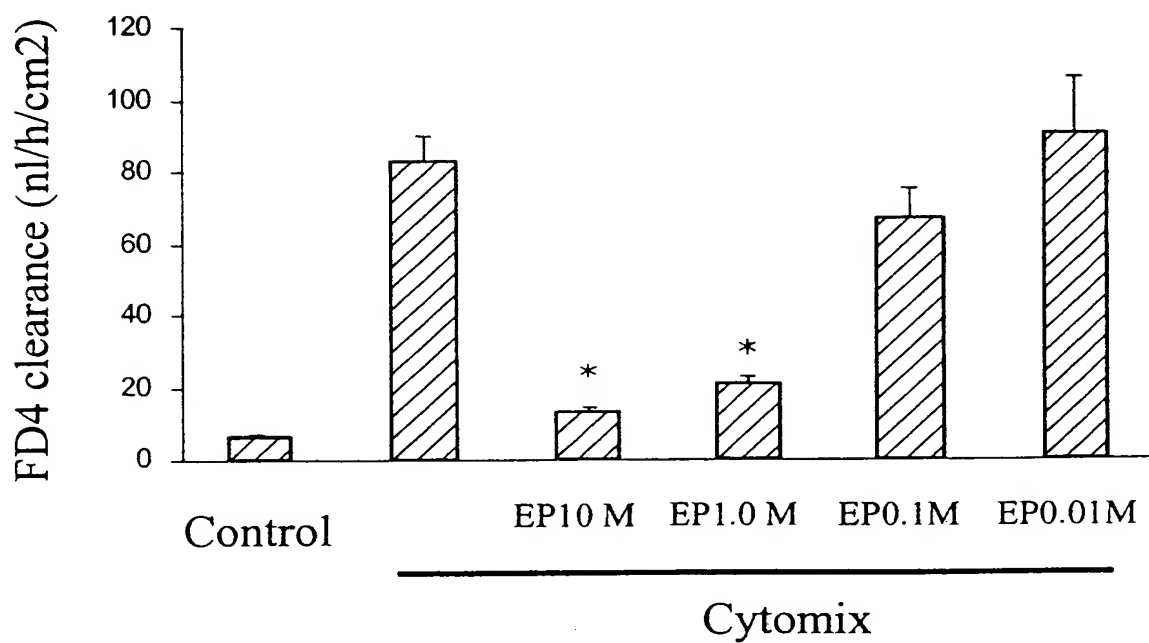
R is alkyl group

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently H, alkyl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, -CHR<sup>3</sup>COOH

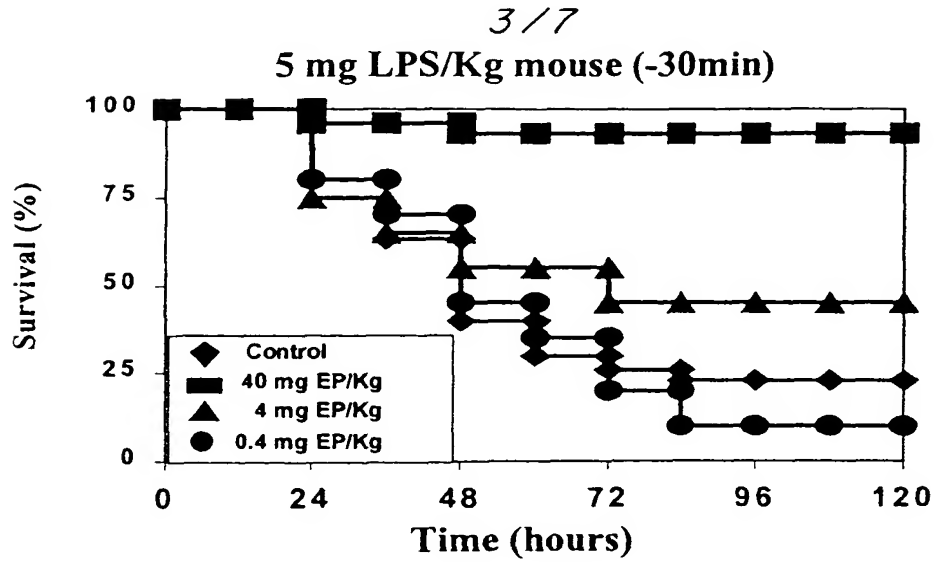
R<sup>3</sup> is the side chain of a naturally occurring amino acid

***FIG. 1B***

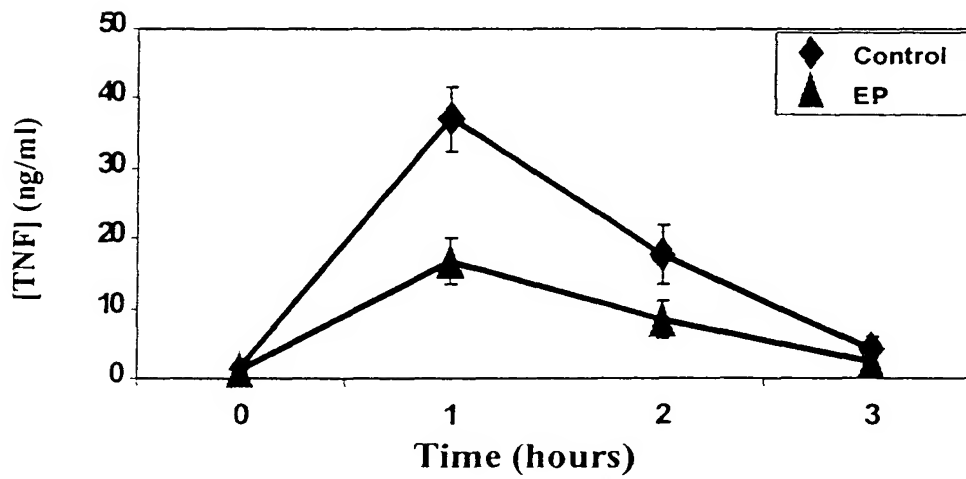
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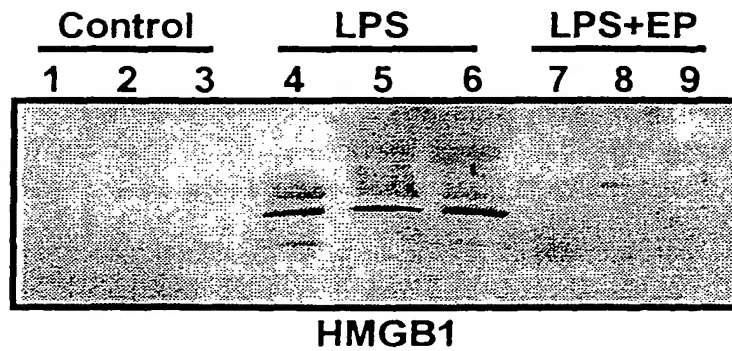
***FIG. 2***



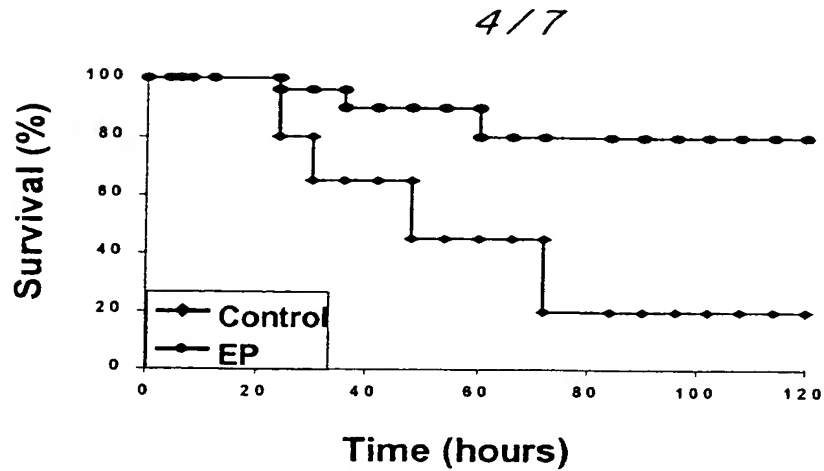
**FIG. 3A**



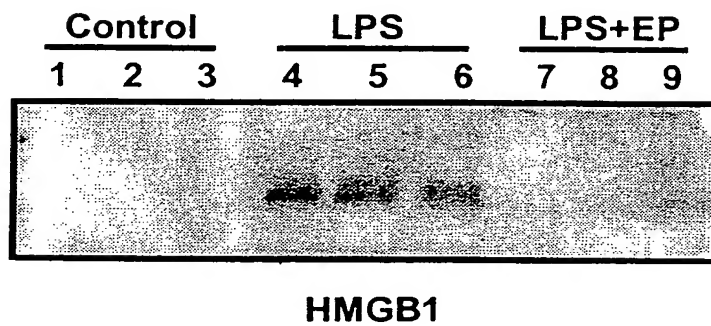
**FIG. 3B**



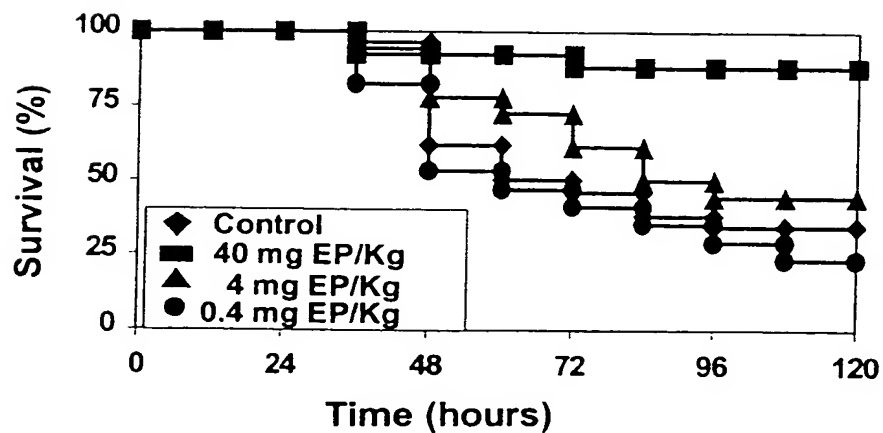
**FIG. 3C**



*FIG. 4A*

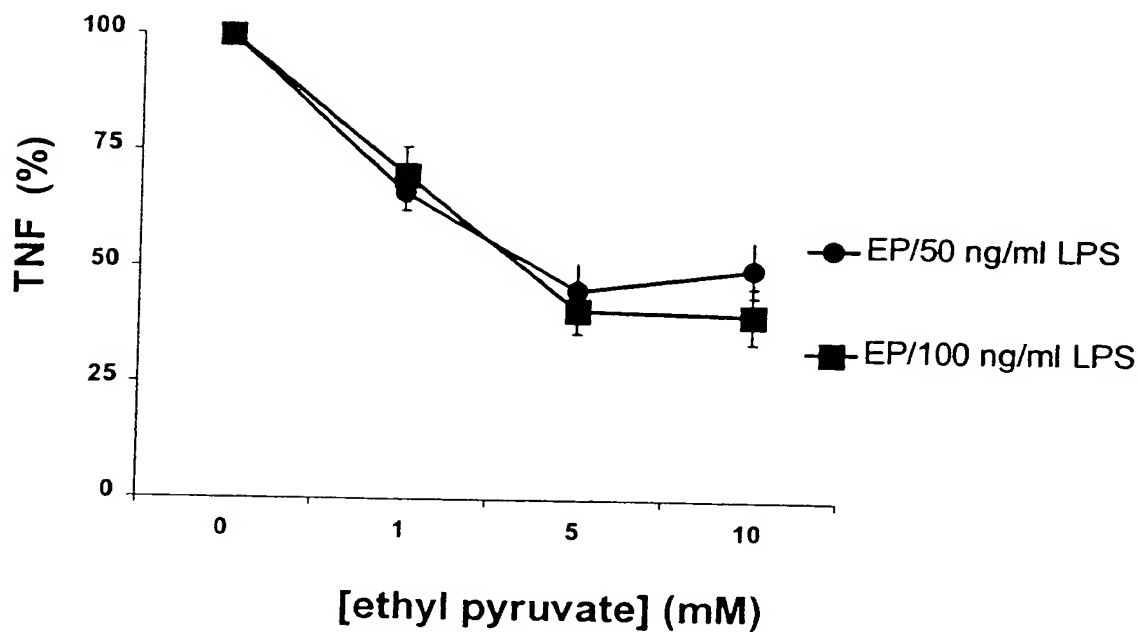


*FIG. 4B*

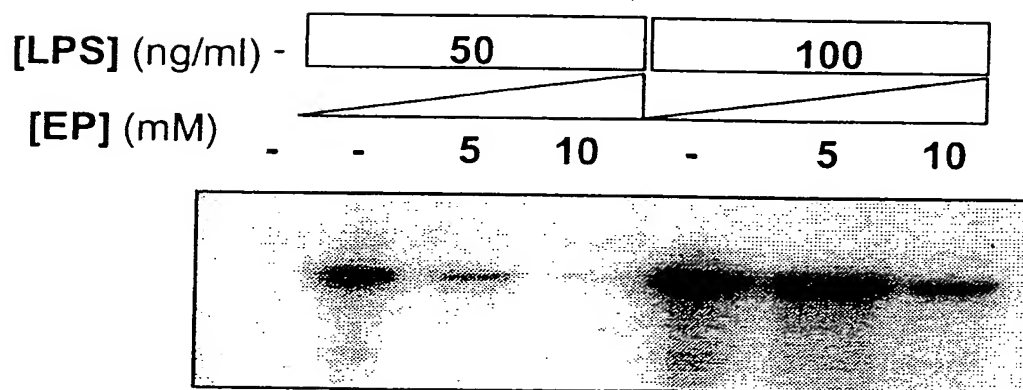


*FIG. 4C*

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**FIG. 5A**

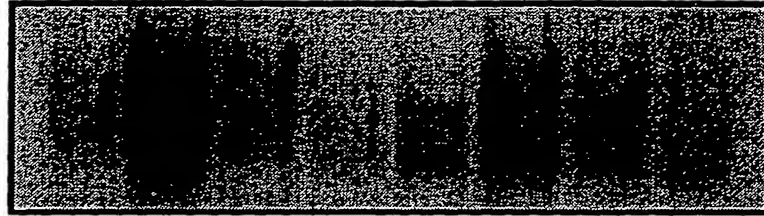


TNF mRNA

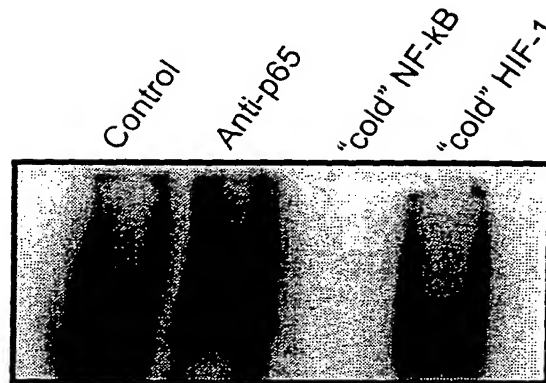
**FIG. 5B**

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LPS Time - 15 min - 4 hours  
[EP] (mM) - - 1 5 - - 1 5

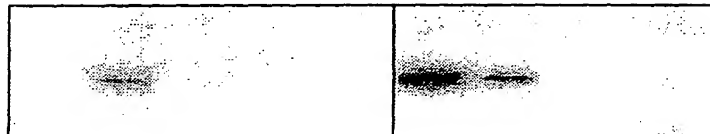


*FIG. 6A*



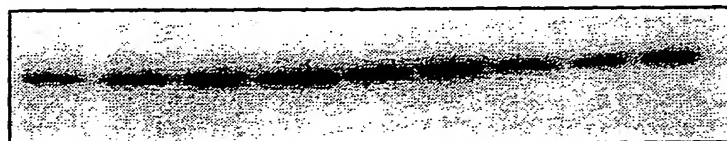
*FIG. 6B*

[LPS] (ng/ml) - 50 100  
[EP] (mM) - - 1 5 10 - - 1 5 10



Phospho - p38 MAPK

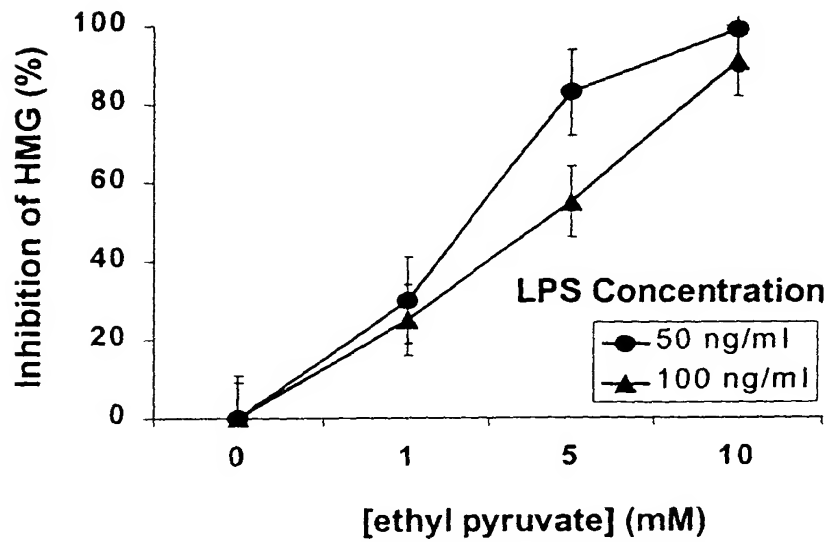
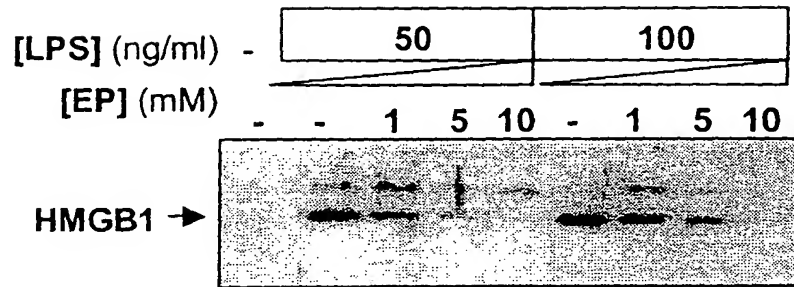
*FIG. 6C*



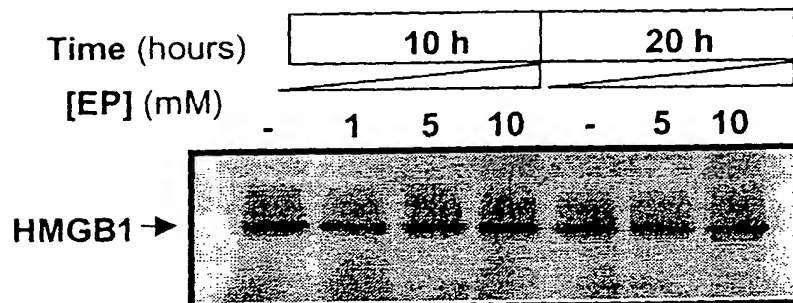
Total p38 MAPK

*FIG. 6D*

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**FIG. 7A**



**FIG. 7B**